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From the DG - Please pass to AMB, DCM, MO and all employees

1. Summary: Foreign Affairs Day will be celebrated this year on Friday, May 5. The theme is the Foreign Service Family. To recognize the sacrifice that family members and children, in particular, make while their parent is serving on an unaccompanied tour, the Department will be distributing Medals of Recognition to children age 0-21. Our goal with this cable is to reach all the employees at the applicable posts to determine if you and your families would like to participate. Please disseminate this cable as widely and quickly as possible at your post, including to those who may be on R&R, as we need to hear back by Friday, April 21, to make sure that you are included. If you would like for your child to receive a medal of recognition, please follow the instructions below. End Summary

2. The Department of State,s annual Foreign Affairs Day celebration is Friday, May 5. The program includes seminars hosted by regional bureaus on current foreign policy issues, a luncheon, and AFSA,s Memorial Plaque ceremony where the Secretary will honor Foreign Service personnel who lost their lives while serving their country abroad, and acknowledge the dangers Foreign Service personnel face on a daily basis.

3. To acknowledge the sacrifices endured by families separated by service at an unaccompanied post, the Department has created a Medal of Recognition to be distributed to these children. As a way to publicly recognize and increase awareness of the sacrifices made by the families of those serving at unaccompanied posts, the Medal of Recognition, with an accompanying Certificate, will be sent to the principal of your children,s schools, so that these may be presented at the school,s Annual Awards Day or other appropriate time. If your child is being home schooled, or if you would prefer to have the presentation done through a different venue (e.g. Scouts, church, etc.), please indicate that on the form and the medal(s) and certificate(s) will be sent to your home. A Press Release may also be sent to the local newspaper of your choice. If you would like this done, please provide Nan Leininger, Program Specialist for Unaccompanied Tours, M/DGHR/FLO, with the following information preferably by e-mail to LeiningerNW@state.gov; by fax to 202-647-1670; or by mail to: Nan Leininger, M/DGHR/FLO, Department of State, Room 1239, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520. Ms. Leininger is available to answer questions by e-mail or phone on 202-647-1066.

- a. Name of local newspaper
- b. Editor
- c. Address
- d. E-mail or fax number, if known

4. In order to implement this project, we need some help from you. Please provide the information requested below to Nan Leininger (please see contact information in paragraph 3)

for each child attending K-12; for children younger than Kindergarten age or who are attending college, please provide your home address and the medal will be sent to them there. This would also hold true for home-schooled children. You are kindly requested to respond by April 21st. Your reply will be seen as permission to contact the parties listed for this purpose. Thank you.

- a. Name of child
- b. Age and/or grade
- c. Name of school
- d. Name of principal
- e. Address of school
- f. Home address
- g. Name of parent or guardian at home

5. All of us at the Department recognize the great contribution you and your families are making to achieve the mission and goals of the Foreign Service, and the burdens and stresses this places on your children in particular. We hope the presentation of the Medal of Recognition will in some small way let them know their sacrifice is appreciated, and reaffirm the proud tradition of the Foreign Service.

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